

Application of Keith Vivian Alexander
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Amendments to the Claims

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system comprising:

 a trampoline comprising a flexible mat and a plurality of coil springs holding the mat in tension within a peripheral frame of the trampoline which surrounds the mat; and

 an enclosure system comprising a barrier of a flexible net material surrounding the mat above the mat and having a lower peripheral part coupled directly or indirectly to a periphery of the mat and a plurality of resiliently flexible generally upright enclosure support members outside of the barrier relative to the mat and which are connected at or towards the lower ends of the enclosure support members to the frame of the trampoline so that in their natural rest state ~~(when connected only at the lower ends to the frame of the trampoline)~~ the enclosure support members extend away from the mat, and which are connected to the barrier net only at or near an upper peripheral part of the barrier to hold the net in tension above the mat, and which enclosure support members are also connected together at or towards the upper ends of the enclosure support member to draw the upper ends of the enclosure support members away from their natural rest state ~~(when connected only at their lower ends to the frame of the trampoline)~~ and towards the centre of the mat, so that when impacted by a user against the barrier on one side of the enclosure causing the barrier and enclosure support member on that side of the enclosure to resiliently deform away from the mat, the enclosure support members and barrier on the opposite side of the enclosure will be resiliently deformed towards the centre of the mat.

10. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim ~~10~~ 9,

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wherein the enclosure support members are pultruded fibreglass rods.

11. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system comprising:

a trampoline comprising a flexible mat and a plurality of coil springs holding the mat in tension within a peripheral frame of the trampoline which surrounds the mat; and

an enclosure system comprising a barrier of a flexible net material surrounding the mat above the mat and having a lower peripheral part coupled directly or indirectly to a periphery of the mat and a plurality of resiliently flexible generally upright enclosure support members outside of the barrier relative to the mat and which are connected at or towards the lower ends of the enclosure support members to the frame of the trampoline and which are connected to the barrier net only at or near an upper peripheral part of the barrier to hold the net in tension above the mat, and which enclosure support members are also connected together at or towards the upper ends of the enclosure support members to draw the upper ends of the enclosure support members away from their natural rest state (~~when connected only at their lower ends to the frame of the trampoline~~) and towards the centre of the mat, so that when impacted by a user against the barrier on one side of the enclosure causing the barrier and enclosure support members on that side of the enclosure to resiliently deform away from the mat, the enclosure support members and barrier on the opposite side of the enclosure will be resiliently deformed towards the centre of the mat.

12. (Original) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim 11, wherein the enclosure support members are pultruded fibreglass rods.

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13.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim ~~13~~ 11 wherein the enclosure support members are connected together at or towards their upper ends by an upper peripheral part of the barrier.

18. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim ~~13~~ 11 wherein the enclosure support members are connected together at or towards their upper ends by a flexible connecting element

19. (Previously presented) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim 18 wherein said flexible connecting element is fixed to or integral with the barrier at or towards an upper peripheral part of the barrier.

20. (Currently amended) A trampoline and enclosure system according to claim ~~13~~ 11 wherein the enclosure support members are connected to the frame of the trampoline below the surface of the mat.

21.-24. (Cancelled)